(c) whether it is also a fact that the tourists who intend to visit this Island have to wait for the seat in I.A. flight for a long time and if so, what steps Government propose to augment the I.A services and by when this problem is likely to be eased?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Various steps have been taken for development of tourism which included angmentation of tourist accommodation facilities, development of tourist spots, beautification of Port Blair town, setting-up of water sports complex, amusement park and organising sound and light show at Cellular Jail. The number of tourists, who visited Port Blair during the last two years i.e. 1993 and 1994 is given hereunder:

Year	Domestic	Foreign
1993 . . .	35,000	1,771
1994 . . .	50,737	3,798

(c) The traffic to Port Blair is seasonal. It is not economically viable to increase the frequenly. In the peak season additional flights are operated to carry addiiinal load.

Avitation by Technical Staff of National Airports Authorities

170. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Technical Staff if National Airports Authority observed country-wide indefinite agitation in 1994 and in early months of 1995;

(b) if so, the details thereof with reasons therefor;

(c) whether such an indefinite strike has become a regular feature in the country;

(d) whether such strikes are creating inconvenience to the Air passengers and also heavy loss to National revenues;

(e) whether Government propose to take some measures ensuring that such strikes|agitations are not resorted to in future; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) While there was no country-wide indefinite agitation in 1994, the National Airports Authority Technical Staff Union (NAATSU) went on country-wide mass casual leave with effect from 1-2-1995 to 3-2-1995 with one day's advance notice to press their demand for time-bound promotion.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Tht Technical Officers of National Airports Authority shouldered the additional responsibilities and no facility| service was allowed to suffer.

(e) and (f) To redress the grievances and avoid agitation by the employees, periodical meetings are held between the management and the unions to discuss staff problems and various issues raised by the Unions.

गुजरात में गैर-सरकारी क्षेत्र में विमान सेवा आरंभ करने संबंधी प्रस्ताव

171. **कनकसिंह मोहन सिंह मंगरोला:** क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या गुजरात राज्य की ओर से वहां गैर-सरकारी विमान सेवा आरंभ करने का कोई प्रस्ताव प्राप्त हुआ है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और